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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

.. to Sharon and Ben Smith for hosting our senior EOTC day next week and to Whangarei Girls' High School for facilitating the activities. .  
.. those parents who have been helping in recent weeks with school production.

### People of the week

.. The children in room 3 who have published their own book "Sandy the Swamp Spider". Going to press soon.  
.. Michelle who was placed, on apparatus or overall, in 7 of her gymnastics competitions this year, achieved Northland Champion in her level, and qualified to compete in the Nationals in October. Well done Michelle!  
.. Emma for her awesome popcorn project this week.  
.. Hazza received "Player of the Day" and Liam received "Tackler of the Day" for JB1 Kamo White.  
.. Conrad received "Player of the Day" for JBN Kamo Wolves.

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

25 August	Central Northland Science Fair
26 August	Whangarei Cross Country
5 September	Trivia Night
8 September	AIMS games
10 September	Year 7 Boostrix vaccination
18 September	Northland Cross Country
22/23 Sept	School production
26 September	Final day of term 3

### Our current virtue is ENTHUSIASM

Please be alert to demonstrations of this virtue over coming weeks

### Some reminders from the last newsletter

.. Calf Club Day has been scheduled for Thursday 23 October.  
.. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of the headlice problem.  
.. Please return any calf club trophies from Central Day.  
.. Please ensure your children open car doors carefully in the upper carpark

### Regional Science and Technology Fair

If your child has been selected to represent our school at the Regional Fair at Forum North, week beginning 25 August, you should already have received a detailed letter outlining essential dates, times and people. If you have not received this letter, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr Delemare or Mrs Sinclair here at school. Mrs Sinclair will likely co-ordinate (at Forum North) on the day.

A reminder that parents are responsible for getting their child to and from the venue on the Monday (no later than 10:00), and for picking up the exhibit on the Thursday sometime between 4:00 and 6:00.

### **Year 7 and 8 Children**

The year 7 and 8 trip to Smith's farm is set for Wednesday 27 August. Please ensure all consents are returned by Monday. Children will travel by bus. Please bring appropriate gear (see list sent earlier). Any questions to Mr D. please

### **Year 6 to 8 Visit to the Regional Science Fair**

As advised, year 6 to 8 children will visit the fair on Tuesday afternoon (26<sup>th</sup>) travelling by bus. We are still keen to have parent helpers, and so please contact Mr Delemare on Monday if able to help. Children will leave school at 1:00 PM and be back at school by 3:00 PM.

### **Pubertal Change Meeting (Year 7 and 8)**

This week parents of year 7 and 8 children will have received a letter advising of a meeting to discuss the forthcoming pubertal change unit. This meeting will take place in the library starting 3:15 on Thursday 28 August.

### **Interschool Cross Country**

A reminder that parents are required to transport (or arrange transport) for their own child(ren). Jenny Crawford will co-ordinate our team on the day, and so please report to her on arrival and offer your assistance where you can. Children may remain at the venue or return to school after races at your discretion. Children will need a drink bottle and warm clothing and their Matarau T-shirt. Any questions in the run up to Mr D please.

### **Parents of Room 3 Children**

If you haven't heard, room 3 children have written and illustrated their own book called "Sandy the Swamp Spider". This will be professionally bound and on sale soon. Order forms will be sent home next week with room 3 children. We are hoping for a special price on these books and so maybe see if grandparents and other extended family members are interested. Will get back to you on this next week.

### **If planning time away from school for your children**

.. please arrange this for term break where possible. If this is not possible (we do understand) please email the school with a formal request for exemption from school stating grounds (e.g. family, educational etc.) We can have a response back to you within a day or two.

### **Out of zone places**

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2015 as follows ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current and former students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priority 6)

.. five places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priority 6)

These places will be publicly advertised approximately mid-September, closing date 15 October, ballot date 22 October. Application forms will be available at the school office from next week.

### **Vegetarian sausages**

We now have a secure supply of these healthy lunch alternatives. These are made from tofu, not hydrolysed soy, and are gluten free. So ... taking orders each Wednesday!

### **Daffodils**

... on sale from Monday at the school office for a gold coin donation in support of the cancer society.

### **Home Gardens**

Please return expression of interest forms next week (one week extension). If your child did not receive one, and would like one, please see Mrs Abbott or the office.

### **Matarau Hockey**

Well done to the following "Players of the Day"



Mini Sticks  
Nyree Pol

### **Trivia Night**

Our Trivia evening is Friday 5 September 2014 and we could really do with more helpers! Helping out is a great way to meet new people and have some fun while raising money for our school. If you can help with:  
Friday morning - set up and decoration  
Friday evening - serving and bar  
Saturday - clean up

Please email [donna@digitype.co.nz](mailto:donna@digitype.co.nz), or come to our **next meeting** (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> in the staff room). Also if you know anyone who you think might be interested in sponsorship/prizes or if you are someone who runs a business in the area and would like to support the school in return for advertising to the locals please get in touch.

### **Wanted - Dress Up Costumes**

As part of their discovery time, our Year 2's are looking for dress up costumes. If you have any outgrown dress up costumes that you would like to donate please see Miss Bevin, Room 4.

### **Te Reo Phrase of the Week**

*Hoatu te paora ki a Fred* - Give the ball to Fred.

### **Board of Trustees**

*For some time now the Board has been considering co-opting an additional Board of Trustees member to help with our fundraising. Lisa Jones has kindly expressed her interest in joining the Board. The Board will proceed with this co-option at our Board meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 unless more than 10% of the parents/caregivers indicate a preference for a bi-election. If you would like us to hold a bi-election please advise us before the 16<sup>th</sup>, including the name of your alternate candidates.*

### **Finally**

One of the benefits of our new classroom is the potential this brings to lower class numbers next year. We have pretty much always had low numbers in the junior and senior ends of the school. The goal next year is to have low numbers across the middle school also. Planning is already underway to ensure that, no matter what level of the school, your child receives as much high quality teacher time as we can manage. In the "intermediate" part of our school we are hoping for numbers around two thirds those of a regular intermediate school ... this opens a whole lot of possibilities. More to follow.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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### **Community Notices**

#### **Kids Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ)**

Friday at 5pm at Radfit in 25A Herekino Street, \$5 charge, Ages 8-16. Please contact Dave Fletcher 021 2377918 for more information

**Whangarei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts** (WADPA) are a dance school offering classes for all children from 3-18 years. With over 35 years teaching dance to the local community, offering classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatic, contemporary, Gym, Tumbling, conditioning and Musical Theatre. All teachers are fully registered. For more info check out our website [www.love2dance.co.nz](http://www.love2dance.co.nz) email [info@love2dance.co.nz](mailto:info@love2dance.co.nz) or pop into our new premises at 29 Commerce st

#### **\*\*NEW DANCE SCHOOL\*\* 'just dance' Whangarei**

An exciting new dance school has started teaching ballet, jazz, contemporary and pilates with classes to match all ages and stages. Our philosophy is to provide excellent tuition and technique with building self esteem and having fun. Visit our website [www.justdance.biz](http://www.justdance.biz) or phone Carla Bedford on 02102357440

**Table Tennis** – Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm Terms 2 & 3. Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Sub \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries phone Brent Davies 094027695

**Northland Baseball** – Beginning Monday afternoon, Term 4. Boys and Girls welcome, no experience necessary. For more info check out Facebook @ Northland Baseball or email [northlandbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:northlandbaseball@gmail.com)

# MIDDLE/SENIOR PRODUCTION 2014

This term the Middle and Senior School will be performing an original production "The Wizard of Middle Earth". We are well into production practice and would love some community support.

Rachael Robertson is in charge of our costume design team and would love volunteers of any and all **sewing** ability to assist her.

If you feel you can assist please contact Rachael at [rrobertson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rrobertson@matarau.school.nz) and Jo at [jgunson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:jgunson@matarau.school.nz)



## ***Feathers Wanted - PLEASE!***

Long feathers, turkey tail feathers are ideal, for kapa haka portion of the production performance. Please bring to the office.

*Evening performances are 22nd and 23rd September  
with a matinee on the 23rd as well.*

Any other inquiries to Simon Schuster at [sschuster@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sschuster@matarau.school.nz)  
Alternatively please call us at school or drop by.

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# Trivia Night

**Friday 5 September 2014**

**Tickets on sale from the Office now  
\$25 per person or \$120 for a table of 6**

